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NOMINEES ANNOUNCED FOR THIRD DISTRICT JUVENILE COURT VACANCY

Salt Lake City, UT---The Third District Judicial Nominating Commission has selected five nominees for a vacancy in the Third District Juvenile Court. The position was created during the 2007 Legislative Session. The Third Judicial District is comprised of Salt Lake, Summit, and Tooele counties.

The nominees are as follows: Honorable John L. Baxter, Salt Lake City, Salt Lake City Justice Court, judge; Augustus G. Chin, Salt Lake City, Summit County Attorney's Office, prosecutor; Julie Lund, Salt Lake City, Attorney General's Office-Child Protection, attorney, Mark May, Centerville, Attorney General's Office-Child Protection, division chief; Paul Parker, Salt Lake City, Salt Lake County District Attorney's Office, deputy district attorney.

A 10-day public comment period will be held before the names are submitted to Gov. Jon M. Huntsman Jr. Third District Nominating Commission Chair Trina Higgins is accepting written comments regarding the nominees at Administrative Office of the Courts, P.O. Box 140241, Salt Lake City, UT, 84114-0241. The deadline for written comments is 5 p.m. on May 10, 2007.

The commission may request further interviews or an investigation of the nominees after reviewing public comments. After the public comment period, the names will be sent to the Governor who has 30 days to select a candidate. The Governor's nominee is then forwarded to the Senate Confirmation Committee, which reviews the nominee's qualifications and conducts a public hearing and interview session. The Senate Confirmation Committee will forward the final nominee to the Utah State Senate, which has 60 days from the Governor's nomination to confirm the nominee.

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